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Solicitation DOC52PAPT0601021
USPTO Desktop Microcomputer Equipment and Peripherals

Q.1 The FedBizOpps pre-solicitation announcement indicated base year plus nine option years, but the USPTO procurement website indicates base year plus four option years. ...which is correct?

A.1 The requirement is for one (1) base year plus nine (9) option years. The USPTO website has been corrected.

Q.2 I would like to inquire about the PTO's solicitation for Desktop Computers and Peripherals. Are you seeking to acquire the equipments through multiple small business sources?

A.2 No. The USPTO seeks to award a single contract to a small business vendor.

Q. 3 I noticed that the PTO has a lot of Dell equipment presently. Are you looking to replace those with updated versions or seeking a different option in terms of manufacturer?

A.3 USPTO's equipment requirements will be stated in the solicitation.

Q.4 Can you provide more information on the above solicitation? Please place us on the potential bidders list. We will continue to look for the complete solicitation information on the USPTO website.

A.4 No bidders list is maintained for this requirement. Potential Offerors are responsible for accessing the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/comp/proc/desktop/desktopom.htm> > for the solicitation, solicitation amendments and all questions and answers related to this procurement. Potential Offerors are responsible for accessing the website for all information and information updates. Interested parties must respond to the solicitation in order to be considered for award of any resulting contract.

Q.5 Could I call you to set up a quick meeting in person to get a better idea of your requirements?

A.5 The USPTO is not meeting with vendors at this time. All acquisition requirements will be stated in the solicitation once it is posted on the USPTO's website.

Q.6. We are interesting in participating in this solicitation. Please, provide us the necessary information to proceed.

A.6 See A.4 and A.5.

Q.7 We would like to get a copy of this solicitation, to get further details that we can transmit to our suppliers, for pricing and delivery details that we can include in our proposal. Please send a copy of this solicitation to any of the contact points listed at the end of this note or at the header of this email.

A.7 There is no written solicitation document available. The solicitation document and all other information relating to the acquisition will be made available at the USPTO website. See response A.4 and A.5.

Q.8 The above presolicitation notice indicates both hardware and software, specifying contract management software. While we are a provider of contract management software, I want to make sure that we are interpreting the opportunity correctly. Can you tell us at this point whether there are two separate components to the requirements - the provisioning of hardware and then separately the provisioning of a contract management software package?

A.8 The USPTO is seeking a vendor to provide the required hardware and responsive contract management capabilities, not specific contract management software. Details of the requirement will be provided in the solicitation.

Q.9 Would the government prefer to have the option to Lease, or Lease to Own, any of the foreseen equipment and/or software needed along with outright purchase options for the Solicitation No. 52-PAPT-06-01021?

A.9 The USPTO does not prefer to lease or lease-to-own for this requirement.

Q.10 I had a Blanket Purchase order from USPTO...a few years back. Will that still be ok to use on this opportunity?

A.10 No, this is a separate procurement and information must be submitted as required by the solicitation.

Q.11 Are you able to tell me if the above will be an on-going requirement and if so when procurement activity might begin?

A.11 As stated in the synopsis, the requirement will be for one (1) base year and nine (9) 1-year option periods. Procurement activity will begin once the contract is awarded. An exact contract award date is not known.

Q.12 Will the NAICS code for this acquisition be changed?

A.12 As stated in the synopsis, the NAICS code for this procurement is 443120 – Computer and Software Stores. A dollar value size standard is not applicable to Government procurement of supplies. Therefore, the non-manufacturer size standard of 500 employees shall be used for purposes of Government procurement of supplies and shall be applicable to this procurement.